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RESPONSE UNDER
37 CFR 1.116

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

EXAMINING GROUP 1652

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :)
Heinrich BACHMANN et al.

Serial No.: 09/504,393)

Filed: February 15, 2000)

For: **β,β-CAROTENE 15, 15'-
DIOXYGENASES, NUCLEIC ACID
SEQUENCES CODING THEREFOR
AND THEIR USE**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
INCLUDING AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The shortened statutory period of time for response to the Office Action of August 28, 2001, expired on November 28, 2001. A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. With this extension, the due date for reply to the Office Action is February 28, 2002. Enclosed is a check in the amount of

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